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- Electric power in the Tbilisi (41-42N, 44-45E) area is abundant, and new stations are constantly being built. The numerous power wires extending in all directions indicate that the power station at Spetak (sic), which is located between Leninakan (40-48N, 43-50E) and Tbilisi, is the one that supplies energy for the whole district.* On the Spetak-to-Tbilisi line, after three or four stations and all the way to the vicinity of Tbilisi, there is no electricity and the stations use gas lamps for lighting. However, on both sides of the line, villages and towns can be seen in the distance fully lighted with electricity. This vacuum is connected with the artificial lake in process of construction in the vicinity of Tbilisi. A lake has been formed about 20-25 km to the east of Tbilisi in a wide valley, one side of which has been plugged with a dam. Construction of this dam has been completed, and water is already running into the valley. It is believed that this valley will be filled within 1 1/2 - 2 years. As soon as the lake is formed, a large power station will be erected on the dam, and secondary power stations will be built along canals which will be erected in many directions from the lake. The vacuum referred to above will be filled with power supplied by two stations to be built on a canal erected in that direction. The most powerful station between Tbilisi and Batumi (41-38N, 41-38E) is located at Kioni. There is a separate power station at Kobuleti (41-50N, 41-45E). Both these power stations and those located at Sukhumi (43-00N, 41-02E) and at Batumi are all connected with one another in order to safeguard against all eventualities.
- The railroad between Tbilisi and Batumi is electrified only to Samtredi (42-11N, 42-20E) station. However, it is said that in about three months the line will be completely electrified. Between Leninakan and Tbilisi, the railroad is not electrified, and there is no sign or indication that it is in the process, or that preparations are being made to complete the electrification of that line. From Spetak in the direction of Tbilisi, there is a mountainous region where the railroad circles the valley. There are many railroad bridges and reinforced concrete pillars supporting the rails. All these are under strict military protection. The Leninakan-Tbilisi-Batumi and Poti lines are all single track.

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Comment: The power station at Spetak is possibly identical with the Khram GTS at Molotovo.

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